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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action considers claims 27-30 to be allowable.

The Office Action objected specification, drawing and claims. The Office Action rejected claims 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Office Action rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ebisawa et al. (U. S. 6,284,342; hereinafter Ebisawa) in view of Duggal et al. (U. S. Patent 6,538,375; hereinafter Duggal). The Office Action rejected claims 14-16, 21, and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior art (APA) in view of Ebisawa and Duggal. Applicants have amended specification, drawing, and claims. After entry of foregoing amendments, claims 14-16, 21, and 23-30 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Claim Rejections under 35 USC 112

Applicants have amended claims 23 and 24 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Discussion of Claim Rejections under 35 USC 103

The Office Action rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ebisawa in view of Duggal. The Office Action rejected claims 14-16, 21, and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior art (APA) in view of Ebisawa and

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Duggal. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for at least the reasons set forth below.

With respect to claim 14, as for example shown in FIG 3A, the covering layer 62 has the recesses region, and the active gas-moisture absorption layer 64 is formed on the recessed region. This feature is clearly recited in independent claim 14.

In re APA, FIG 2 failed to disclose the covering layer with the recessed region.

In re Ebisawa, the sheet 5 is formed on the surface of the covering layer 3. However, the desiccant 6 is formed on the surface of the sheet, *but not on the recessed region as recited in claim 14.* In other words, if the sheet 5 of Ebisawa is removed, the desiccant 6 is removed also.

Clearly, Ebisawa fails to disclose the features of the present invention and does not further supply the missing features of APA and.

In re Duggal, even though Duggal provides the material of Li, Mg, and Ca, Duggal either fails to supply the missing features in APA and Ebisawa, as discussed above.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 14 patently defines over the prior art references, and should be allowed. For at least the same reasons, dependent claims 15-16, 21, and 23-30 patently define over the prior art references as well, wherein claims 27-30 have been considered to be allowable.

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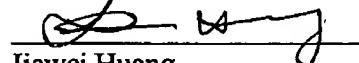
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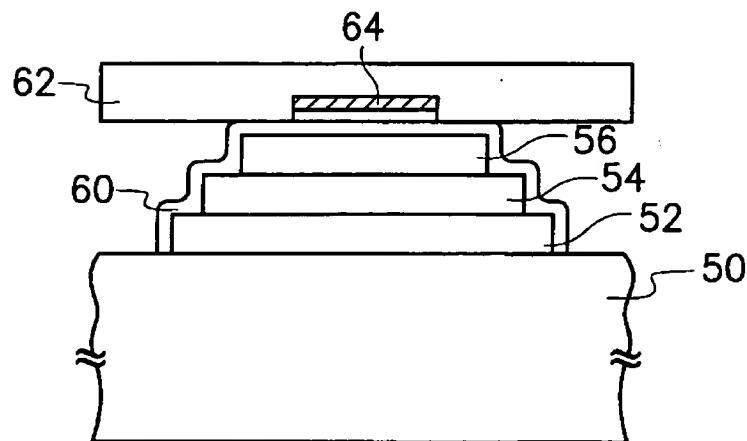
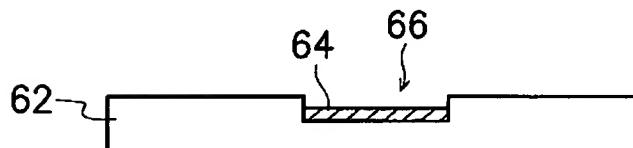
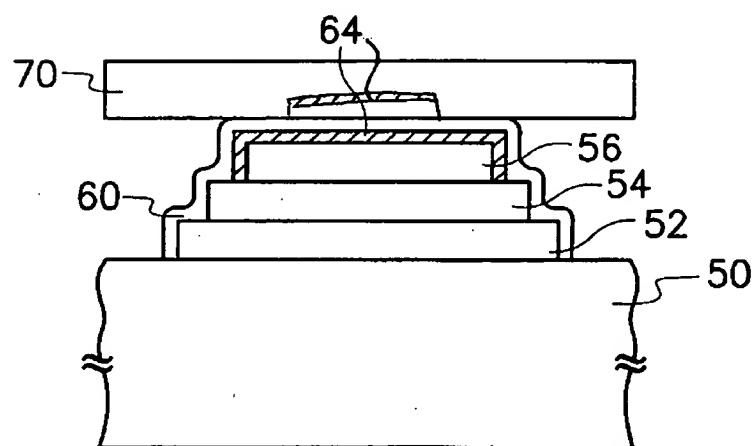
For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 14-16, 21, and 23-30 of the invention patentably define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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Annotated Marked-up drawing**FIG. 3A****FIG. 3B****FIG. 4**